(b) and (c) The Telugu University is yet to be declared fit to receive Central assistance by the UGC. The Commission has suggested certain amendments to the Act, under which the University has been established. These include provisions relating to the appointment of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor and composition of the Academic Council. The State Government have not so far agreed to make these amendments.

Shifting of Eastern Zone Cultural Centre from Shantiniketan to Calcutta

52. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to shift the Eastern Zone Cultural Centre from Shantiniketan to Calcutta;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the academics and intellectuals of West Bengal have objected to the shifting of the Centre; and

(d) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) It is understood that the Governing Body of the East Zone Cultural Centre, have under consideration such a shift. due to logistical reasons, with particular reference to difficulties in telecommunication/transport links. However, no formal reference has been received by the Government.

Government have, however, received a representation from the Chairman of the Bolpur Municipality protesting against such a move. Government have also seen press reports stating that the matter would be taken up by the academics and intellectuals of West Bengal.

Strike by the Students of National School of Drama

53. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the students of the National School of Drama in Delhi had gone on a fortnight long hunger strike in April,-May, 1988; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the action taken by Government to remove the grievances of the students?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) The students of the National School of Drama in Delhi had gone on a relay hunger strike in School premises from 6-5-88 and had called off their agitation on 13-5-88.

(b) The IInd year students of the School demanded postponement of the final examination scheduled on 27-4-88 and extending the term of the session as all the courses had not been satisfactorily completed.

While one examination on Modern Indian Drama was held on 13-5-88, others were postponed. To cover the left-over courses, special classes have been organised from 1—30 July, 1988. Examinations are now scheduled from 3-8-88 and the students are attending the crash course and preparing for their final examination.